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Mark 1:40 - 45

“Faith? Totally! Obedience? Not Quite.”

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.
42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.
43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;
44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing

those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. [45] **But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.**

[Matthew 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-16]

As with the man who wanted to be healed of leprosy, sometimes we can be full of hope and

faith in Jesus' abilities to help us, but we just can't seem to follow his instructions.

Why is that?
Because the newly healed man did not keep quiet about the healing as Jesus told him to do, Jesus "could no more openly enter into

the city". Do we also hinder the movement of Christ in our lives, and possibly in the lives of others, by our disobedience?

In what ways might we do well concerning faith, but fail miserably concerning follow-through or obedience?